Sighes

At the contemporary deaths
OF
Thoſe incomparable *Siſters*,
The Counteſſe of *Cleaveland*,
AND
Miſtriſſe CICILY KILLEGRVE,
Daughters of
Sir IOHN CROFTS *Knight*
Of *Saxom Hall*, in the Countie of *Suffolke*
Deceaſed,
And his Noble Lady
now living.

Breathed forth by *F. Q.*

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TO THE HONORABLE LADY, The *Lady* CROFTS.

Madam,



Arth is a mixture of Heaven and Hell: In heaven is all happinesse, and no misery: in Hell, is all misery, and no happinesse: In earth, both happinesse, and misery, The grave is the common Rest from both. If our happinesse had no misery to sharpen it, wee should expect no other Heaven; if our misery had no happinesse to sweeten it, we should feare no o-

ther Hell. But God hath delt us both, that in adversity, wee may hope better, and in Prosperity, feare worse. Not many Ladies in this Land, could shew a fairer Inventory of Gods favour than your selfe; either as single, in your owne person; or as multiplied, in your children; yet could not all this raise you a perfect happinesse, here. All earthly happinesse is like earth, alterable; alwayes meeting with an alterable subject; in so much, that if it could abide with us, wee could not stay with it: We must shake hands and part. Madame, our lives are but Lampes, to light us in this darke Vale, to finde that Jewell wee lost in Paradise; If wee had never lost that jewell, we had never left that Paradise: These your two daughters found it in their Saviours birth, and were

were strait invited to the feast of his Circumcision, and shall wee be sad? Drest in those jewels, they were called to the Lambs Marriage, and shall we mourne? They chang'd an earthly Hadradrimmon *for a heavenly* Ierusalem, *and shall wee lament? Madam, I know Flesh and Blood (which is made of nothing but a little dust tempered with a few teares) would repine at this. But your Ladiship is instructed in a better Schoole, and hath attain'd to a higher Forme than Sense. 'Tis true, Naturall affection hath much to plead against the extreames of Stoicisme: but Religion hath more to plead against the excesse of Naturall affection. Rough Stoicisme denies all sorrow: Soft affection excluds all comfort; Religion moderates, and*

with the ſurpluſage of Natures teares, mollifies the Stoicks heart. Madam, I beſeech Almighty God to comfort you in all your griefes, and direct them to their right Object; So ſhall your ſadneſſe be momentary, and your joyes eternall, Accordingto the Wiſhes of

Your Ladiſhips

humble Servant,

FRA. QVARLES.

Sighes.

1.

If our
Sad eyes could rayne
For every drop, a Shower,
Our needleſſe Quill might then refraine
This heavy taske: But ſince our teares are pent
Within our ſtraitned eyes, our Pen muſt give them vent.

2.

Blunt Quill,
And do'ſt thou think
To glorifie thy Skill
In Sooty Characters of Inke?
Or that thy eaſie Language can proclaime
An Accent halfe ſo ſhrill, as the loud Trumpe of Fame?

3.

But tell,
O tell me why
Should our ſad lines compell
A teare, or force a trickling eye?
We begge it not: What gentle eye embalmes
The precious duſt of Saints, brings Offrings, and not Almes.

4.

You whom
Victorious Paſſion
Hath foyl'd and over come
With ſighes and teares, not wept for faſhion,
Come beare a part: Theſe Obſequies doe ſue
To entertaine ſuch Gueſts, ſuch Gueſts alone as you.

Raſh

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5.

Raſh Fates!
Were you adviz'd
At how extreame great Rates
True Honor and Perfection's priz'd,
When you in twice two dayes, ſurprized more,
Then Ages can preſcribe, then Ages can reſtore.

6.

Repoſe,
O gentle earth,
This ſacred Duſt, kept cloſe,
As Reliques of our buried Mirth:
Let Time preſerve your holy Turfts unſtirr'd:
This Age will ſcarce unlocke your Gates for ſuch a third.

7.

In this
Cold bed of Clay,
Vnſtain'd perfection is
Laid downe to ſleepe, till breake a day;
Which, when the early morning Trumpe ſhall ſound,
With Joy, with Robes, with Crownes ſhall wake, be cloath'd, be crown'd.

8.

Sad Tombe!
Hadſt thou the might
To underſtand for whom
Thy marble Curtaines make this night,
Thou'ldſt vie with *Mahomets* (if ſuch there be)
Two ſtones ſupport but his; two Saints are propts to thee.

We

9.

We ſhould
Invoke to ayde,
And challenge (if we would)
Aſſiſtance from the heavenly *Mayde*;
But we forbeare: The Spirit of griefe infuſes
More ſalt into our Quill, than all the ſacred *Muſes*.

10.

Provoke
Loud ſtormes to blow;
Or ſmothring Flaxe to ſmoake;
Full ſeas to ſwell; Spring-tides to flow;
For us; we need no ay'd, nor will ſuborne
The helpe of forreigne Art. True griefe knowes how to (mourne

11.

Hard ſtones,
If hearts ſhould not,
Would cleave and ſplit with grones,
Ere ſo much worth ſhould lie forgot:
At ſuch a loſſe, ſhould ſtones forbeare to breake
Their flinty Silence, ſtones, the very ſtones would ſpeake.

12.

To ſpeake
Bare truth, would try
A Faith that were not weake;
Twould ſeeme a ranke Hyperboly,
To make but halfe their excellence appeare,
For whom wee mourne, for whom we juſtifie this teare.

If

13.

If not

The height of Blood,
Vertue without a ſpot,
And all thoſe gifts that earth calls good,
May lend ſome Priviledge to life, nor adde
Some ſand to Natures Glaſſe, what matter good or bad!

14.

Perſwade,

Perſwade not me,
False earth, to truſt thy aide,
Or build my hopes on it, or Thee:
Give all thou haſt, alas, thou canſt not make
Eſtates for more than life: Thou doſt but give, and take.

15.

Stone hearts

Let mee beſpeake
You all to play your parts:
If you be too too hard to breake,
Too ſtout for drops to pierce, yet come;
You'l ſerve for ſtuffe, to build their honourable Tombe

16.

To breake

The Peace of Saints,
In taking leave to ſpeake
Our reall griefes in vaine complaints,
Is but a tricke of earth: Why ſhould, we thus
Affict our ſoules for them, that finde no griefe, but us?

Attend

17.

Attend,
You gentle eares
A while, and wee will end
Our ſighes, and wipe away your teares:
We'l change our Scene, & we'l unſad our Stile;
We'l teach your ſighes to ſing; we'l teach your teares to ſmile.

18.

Report,
You bleſſed Peeres
Of the eternall Court,
Your *Hallalujahs* mixt with theirs:
Welcome theſe Saints to that Celeſtiall Quire,
Where griefes doe not explore; where joyes doe not expire.

19.

And you,
O bleſſed Payre,
That now have enterview
With *Thrones* and *Syraphims*; that ſhare
With *Powers* and *Angels*: O what Oratory
Can colour out your joyes? What Pen can chant your Glory?

20.

Shall then
The puddle teares
Of earth-begotten Men
Waſh your white *Names*, or cloy your eares?
No, no, 'tis pitty teares ſhould intercept
The peace of your ſweet Reſt, where teares are never wept.

Shed

21.

Shed teares?
Had they beene tied
To ſerve their wearie yeares
At earths hard Trade, and then denied
A common Reſt, this had beene apt to breede,
A thouſand, thouſand teares: This had beene griefe indeed!

22.

Enough:
Let this ſuffice
To ſhew how poore a Puffe
Is earth, and all that earth can prize:
Wealth, honor, beauty, in whoſe flames we burne,
Give warning in the bed, and leave us at the Vrne.

23.

Without
The leaſt ſurmiſe
Of unbeliefe, or doubt,
Our mountaine faith doth canonize
Theſe Saints; whoſe dying Aſhes did conferr
To their Redeemers Birth, gifts paſſing gold and Myrrh.

24.

My Pen,
Thou haſt tranſgreſt;
Archangels, and not *Men*
Should ſing the ſtory of their Reſt:
But we have done, we leave them to the truſt
Of heavens eternall Towre, and kiſſe their ſacred Duſt.

Epitaph

Epitaph.

IF our blunt Quill but tell you whom,
Raſh Fates repoſe in this ſad Tombe;
we ſhould provoke hard ſtones to ſpeake,
If not perſwade ſtones hearts to breake:
Attend report, and you ſhall, then,
Shed teares enough without my Pen.

The End.

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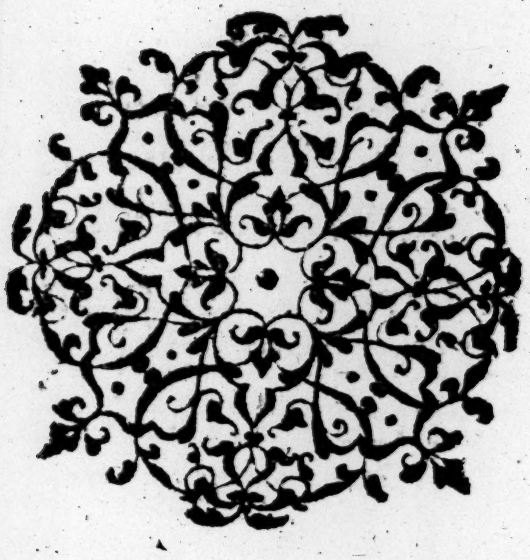
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ORDERS TAken, and enacted, for ORPHANS and their porcions.

Anno. M. D. LI.

¶ Orders enacted.

AD Commune concilium, tẽtum in Guildhaldia ciuitatis Londini, xiii. die Octobris, Anno regni Eduardi sexti, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regis, fidei defensoris, & in terra Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, & Hibernicæ supremicapitis, quinto: coram Andrea Iudde milite, tunc Maiore, & Aldermannis Ciuitatis illius, ordinata sunt inter alia, inactitata, cõcessa, & stabilita, omnia & singula subsequentia.

FOrasmuch as the citie of London, is of late yeres sore decayed, and dayly is lyke to decaye, more and more. A great cause and occasion whereof emong other, hathe bene, for that free mens children, (Orphanes of the sayd Citie) sometymes

in the liues of their Parents, & some-
times after their diſceaſes, beinge left
welthy, & rych, dow beſtow themſelues
in vngodly Mariages, for the moſte
part in their yong age, at their owne
willes, and pleaſures, without the con
ſent, and againſte the mindes of theyr
friends, ſaying, and affirming, that the
Law, and cuſtome of the ſayde Citie
giueth vnto them their porcions, whe-
ther they marye by the aſſent of theyr
friendes or not, and ſo dow dayly caſt a-
way, and vndo them ſelues, in truſt to
haue theyr ſayde porcions, whether
their Parentes, or friends will, or wyl
not. And therby doe they beſtow them
ſelues vpon ſimple, and lyght perſons
hauing neyther cunning, knowledge,
ſubſtaunce, ne good, or honeſt condicy-
ons. By reaſon whereof ſuche Or-
phanes, inordinately, and inſolently,
doe ſpende, and conſume their patry-
mony, and porcions, in ſhort tyme, not
onely to the vndoinge of themſelues,
and

and to the great ignominie and shame of their friendes, but also to the great sclaundre of the Lord Maior, and Aldremen of this citie (who bene reputed, and taken as Fathers, and Protectours, of the same Orphanes) and to the great losse, and hinderaunce of ỹ sayde Citie.

And forasmuch as the sayde Lorde Maior, and Citezienes haue by theyr lawes, and customes, power, and auctho̅itie, to make lawes, and ordinaunces, by their commune counsail, for redresse of the same. It is therfore now (to thintent to reduce ỹ same to a more godly, more profitable, and decent ordre, and conformite) by the sayde Lord Maior, & Comminalte, and Citizens, in this present commune counsaill assembled, and by auctho̅itie of the same commune Counsaill, ordeyned, enacted, auctho̅rized, and established, for a Lawe perpetually to be obserued and kept within the sayde Citie. That if a-

ny Orphane, or childe of any free man or free woman, of the saide Citie do offende in any the thinges hereafter expressed, and be therof lawfully conuicted, afore the Lorde Maior and the Aldermen or els where, that then they and euery of them, shall to all ententes purposes, constructions & meaninges, be vnabled and barred to demaunde and claime their portion or portions, & also shall lose and forgo & be barred for euer, of all and euery his, her, or their parte or parts, and portions to him or them belonging, by and after the death of his or their said father or mother, of the goodes and Cattalles, of euery such father and mother, by reason of any Lawe, custome, ordinaunce, vsage, fraunches, priuilege, act of Commune counsaile, or other thing, hertofore had or vsed, within the saide Citie. The same Lawe, Custome, Ordinaunce or other thinge whatsoeuer, heretofore had, made, or ordeined, allowed, and put

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in bze, to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandinge. That is to witte. First, if any manchild, oz womanchild, shall malitiously go about, oz attempt to dw, oz cause to be done, any bodely harme, deathe, oz destruction to his oz their Father, oz Mother: Oz if any manchilde, dw hereafter mary, oz contract mariage, in the lyfe of his father, oz mother (by whome he will clayme any pozcion) vnder the age of xxi. yeares, without the consent of his sayde Father, oz Mother, by whome hæ wyll clayme anye pozcion: Oz if any Womanchilde, dwe hereafter Marye, oz contracte Mariage, in the lyfe of her father, oz other parent, by whom she shall claime anye Pozcion, befoze the age of. xviii. yeares, without the consent of hir Father, oz suche other Parent by whome hæ shall oz may claime any pozcion: Oz if anie Man childe bæ a Thiefe, oz a Fellon, oz a

common whore haunter, a commune Dysar, or a common player at vnlawfull games notoriously knowen: Or if any womanchilde shall hereafter commit any whoredome, or be a common Picker, that then euery of ỹ persones so offending, shalbe barred & excluded to haue, or demaunde any porcion.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull, for the Father, or Mother of any such childe, or childzen, to geue and bequeth in Legacie, to suche Childe, or Childzen, as muche as the Porcion of such child so offending shall amount vnto, by the custome of the sayde citie, and then suche childe thereby to be enabled to haue, and demaund ỹ same, as Porciõ, this Acte, notwithstanding, so that the same legacy be conteined in his, or their testament in writing & not otherwise. And that then and from thencefurth his sayd child, or childzẽ, to be admitted, and restored to clame suche legacie, or legacies, in suche sorte maner

and

and forme, as if ther had ben neuer a-
ny suche offence done, or committed by
any such childe.

Item, it is further ordeyned, enac-
ted, auctho*r*ized, and established, by
thauthorite afore*s*ayde, that if any wo-
manchilde, being an Orphane, and vn
der the age of .xxi. yeares, at any tyme
hereafter, after the death of hir father,
do ensure or contract hir selfe in Ma-
riage, or els according to the Eccle*s*ia-
sticall Lawes of this Realme, do per-
fectly solempnize or consumate Mari-
age, with any free man of this Citie,
the consent and agrement of the Lord
Maior, and Aldermen of this sayde
Citie of London, for the tyme beinge,
not obteyned and had, that then for e-
uery such default and offence co*m*mit-
ted or done, by any Orphane or Or-
phanes, of the sayde Citie, the same
being confessed or sufficiently proued
by two witnesses or otherwise before
the sayde Lord Maior, and Aldermen

of this sayde Citie of London, for the tyme being, at and in a Courte of Aldermen, he or they that so happen to behaue hir or themselues, as is aforesayd, shall forfeit, forgo, and lose. ii. d. of and for euery pound, so due or to be due, vnto her, or them, by reason of any such Orphanage, the summe of. xii. d. of euery. li. to go, or be, to the vse of the Chamber of the sayd Citie, accordinge to the auncient custome before this tyme, in such case vsed. And if the sayde Contract or mariage of the sayde Orphan, or, Orphans, be made with anye forein, not beinge free of this Citie, at the tyme of any such contract, or mariage made, that then the sayd Orphan, or Orphans and euery of them shall forfaite and lose. iii. s. of euery pounde, or to be due vnto hir, or them, by vertue of any Orphanage, or custome, had and vsed, within the sayde Citie. The one shilling of the saide. iii. s. of euerie pounde, to go, or to be, to the vse of the

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Chamber of the sayde Citie, in suche maner and fourme as is aforesayde. And the other .ii.s. so forfayted, of euery pound, to go to the vse of such, other Orphane, or Orphanes, as then shall remaine vnmaried. Or els for default of such Orphanes, or Orphane, to remaine to the next of the kinred of the Orphane so offending.

¶ Also be it further ordeined, enacted, and established by auctorite afore sayd, for, and in eschuing of diuerse variances, contencions, and sutes, that dayely heretofore haue, and hereafter may ensue: that if any free mans child, man, or woman, fortune to be maryed hereafter, in the lyfe tyme of his, or their father, by his consent, and not fully aduaunced of, and to, his, or her full parte, or porcion, of his, or her, sayde Fathers goodes, as he shalbe worthe at the tyme of hys dyscease, accordynge to the auncient Lawes, and Customes,

Customes, of this sayd Citie: that then euery such Free mans childe, so beyng maryed in the life tyme of his, or her Father shalbe to all intentes, and purposes, disabled to demaunde any further parte, or porcion, of hys or her fathers goods, after the discease of his, or her father, but shalbe adiudged, reputed and taken to be fully aduanced, according as the Lawe and Custome of this Citie hath bene long tyme oute of minde, except his or hir sayd father, do mencion certeinly, in his laste wyll, or testament, or by other wryting signed with his owne proper name, or Mark the certeinty of the some or sommes of money, goods, and cattalles, & the value of them, that the father gaue, payed or departed with all, or otherwyse assured or hereafter shall giue, paye, depart with all, or otherwyse make assurance of, vnto him, or her, before at or after the mariage of him or hir or otherwise in his lyfe tyme, for and towards

wardes their aduauncementes, in the name of his or her part, or porcion. And then euery such Orphane, or child which after the decease of his or her sayd Father, can bring furth the sayde Testament or other wryting signed or marked with ỹ fathers hand or mark, wherein the certeintie of such money, goods, or Cattalles, as they haue or shall haue, receyued of theyr sayd Father, or by the same Father, assured by especialtie, or otherwise, shall haue asmuch of the ready money, goods, cattalles, and debtes of the sayde father, as (with that which he, or they shall haue receyued towards their aduaũcementes, in the lyfe of theyr said father) shall make vp a full childes parte, of his goods, and Cattalles, as he shalbee worth, at the tyme of hys decease. The same to be demaunded, asked, & claymed, or sued for, against the Executor, or executours, administratour, or administratours, of the goods, and Cattalles

talles of the sayde father, by byll Originall, to be commenced in our soueraigne Lorde the kinges court, holden in the outter chamber of the guild hal, of the sayde Citie, before the said lorde Maior and Aldermen of the same citie for the time being, any lawe, or custome, heretofore made, or vsed to the contrary, notwithstanding. In which action, no wager of Law, or Essoine, shalbe admitted, or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, and it is further enacted, that if any free mans sonne, being of full age, (which shall hereafter be maried with the consent of his father, or any other person, being of ful age, which shall hereafter mary anye free mans daughter) dwe at the tyme of the espousailes, or at any time after, confesse them selues, by writing fully satisfyed of his, or their portion, or dw otherwyse acquite and discharge, the Father of suche free mans sonnes, or doughters, of all their parte and por-

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cion, due, or to be due, by the Lawe and custome of the Citie, that then euery such person, so confessinge, acquytting, or otherwise dischardinge, shalbe reputed, and taken, as fully aduaunced, of his, or their whole part, or porcion, and shall not be enabled, to demaunde any further, or greatter parte of the substaunce, goods, and cattalles, of his or her Father: this Law, or any other Lawe or Custome heretofore had, made, or vsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further, forasmuche as it is thought very preiudiciall, and hurtful to the fatherlesse children and Orphanes, when the mother, or mother in lawe, being executrix of the laste wyll, and Testament of her late husbande, by whome, and after whose death, the Orphanes are entituled to an Orphanage, (accordinge to the sayde laudable customes of this Citie) doe dyuers tymes marye or Contracte matrimo-

matrimony, some with forreiners and persones vnknowen, and some wyth Frœmen, or euer a iust inuentory of the goods, cattalles, plate, Iuelles, ready money of the Testatours, be by thē brought in: By reason whereof many tymes they, (either for feare or affection of their husbands, or for some other sinistre cause,) dow bring in very suspicious Inuentories, omitting therin either ready money, Plate, Iuelles, or debtes, or some other thing, or thyngs, wherby some benefite should redound to the fatherlesse children, to the greate losse, and hinderaunce of the Orphans and some tyme, slaundre to the Lorde Maior, and Aldermen of this Citie, notwithstanding their great care, and trauaill that they take for the good ordering, and true answering of the sayd Orphanes:

It is therfore, by like authoritie, ordeined, established, and enacted, that if after the fyrst day of Nouembre next ensuing

ensuing, any Widowe, which is, or shal be made executrix of the Testamente and last will of hir late husbande, (being a free man) or shall take vpon her thadministracion of the gwds, and cattalles, of her late husbande (beinge a free man) do not vpon her othe, bringe in, and exhibite, or cause to be brought in, and exhibited, before the Lord Mai or, and Aldermen of this sayd citie, for the time being, at, and in a court of Aldermen, a iust, and perfect Inuentory, (to their knowledge,) of al the gwdes, cattalles, plate, & Iuelles, ready money, and debtes, as were her sayd husbands, at the time of his death, apprayssed according to the lawe of the sayd citie, before she do ensure her self in mariage, or contracte mariage, or els according to the lawes of the Realme, do perfectly solempnise, or consūmate mariage with any personne, before suche time as aforesayd, that then euery person so offending, shall forfaict and lose,

viii.s. of euery pounde, of her porcyon, of the goodes of her late husbande, due to her by the laudable custome of thys sayde Citie, the same to go to the vse of suche Orphane, or Orphanes, as then shalbe entituled to haue, or demaunde any Orphanage, or porcion, after the deathe of his, or her late Father, the same to be demaunded, asked, claimed or sued for, againste suche executrix, or administratix by bill originall of debt, to be commenced, in our Souereigne Lord the kings Courte, holden in the otter Chamber of the Guild hal, of the sayd citie, before the Lord Maior, and Aldremen of the same Citie, for the tyme being, any Law. &c.

In which Action, no wager. &c.

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